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Applicant: Shackelford et al.
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Title: **CONTAINER TRANSPORT APPARATUS AND ORGANIZING
APPARATUS FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS
AND METHOD THEREOF**

Art Unit: 3651

Examiner:
Action: **TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**
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Sir:

The squeeze tube filling apparatuses identified on the attached form PTO/SB/08B have come to the attention of the undersigned in connection with the subject application. Specifically, Applicants have identified three (3) squeeze tube filling apparatuses manufactured and sold by the assignee of this application, ProSys Innovative Packaging Equipment, which is a division of Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc., having offices at 422 East 17th Street, Webb City Missouri 64870 ("ProSys"), and it is respectfully requested that these apparatuses be made of record in this proceeding. Prosys identifies these apparatuses as its model numbers: LVF RT 40, LVF RT 70, and LVF RT 140. Copies of advertisement brochures as well as recently printed web pages obtained from the Prosys website, located at www.prosysfill.com have been attached hereto for the Examiner's review.

In addition, Applicants have provided photographs of one of the apparatuses for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants note for the Examiner's attention that the

apparatus shown in the photograph was sold at least one year prior to the effective filing date of this application. As shown, the apparatus in the photograph includes a bin for receiving a bulk supply of containers that are to be sequentially transferred from the bin to the elevator by a rotating transfer wheel. Although not shown, Applicants note for the Examiner's attention that an agitator plate is associated with the conveyor discharge to facilitate the movement of the single tubes to the wheel. This agitator plate is located under the conveyor discharge ramp.

In addition, the Examiner's attention is also directed to the background discussion in the application. Portions of the background discussion generally describe other tube filling machines wherein bulk tubes are loaded into a tube-feeding bin, and then organized into a single file stream with the tubes being delivered sequentially to a tube filler assembly.

The identification of these apparatuses is for the purpose of meeting Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and is not intended to be an admission that any of them constitute prior art as to the invention disclosed and claimed in the subject application. Please initial the attached form PTO/SB/08B where indicated and return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the listed items have been considered and made of record.

The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be addressed, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicants be contacted at the number listed below.



Respectfully submitted,

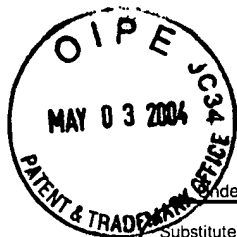
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